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COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Dessau airfield.

EVALUATION [REDACTED]

PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE OF CONTENT [REDACTED]

DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED]

DATE PREPARED 21 August 1951

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1. Dessau airfield was occupied by aircraft on the following dates:

2 July 1951: 10 MiG-15s, including two with the [REDACTED] 1 jet plane with a fuselage step, 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 4 biplanes.

4 July: 9 MiG-15s, including three with the [REDACTED] 1 jet plane with a fuselage step, 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 4 biplanes;

6 July: 10 MiG-15s, 1 jet plane with a fuselage step, 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 4 biplanes; 6 additional MiG-15s landed at 11 a.m.

7 July: 13 MiG-15s, including two with the [REDACTED] 1 jet plane with a fuselage step, 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes and 4 biplanes. (1)

2. On 9 July, aircraft observed at the field included 2 jet fighters parked near the flight control building, 6 jet fighters at the taxiway 100 meters east of the flight control, 14 jet fighters on the parking site at the eastern edge of the field, and 4 biplanes and 1 single-engine low-wing monoplane, [REDACTED] was seen at the field.

3. On 10 July, 6 jet fighters were parked at the dispersal area on the eastern edge of the field. Thirteen jet fighters were near the flight control building. The following jet fighters were seen landing at the field:

Time of Landing

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Between 5:10 and 5:12 p.m. 1 individual jet fighter and 6 jet fighters in groups of two took off from the field. [REDACTED] was seen at the field.

4. At 5:10 p.m. on 11 July, a single-engine plane with a radial engine and a two-man crew landed at the field. The red number 30 was seen on the forward end of the fuselage. (3) Aircraft seen at the field on 12 July included: 2 jet fighters with the [REDACTED] at the flight control building, 16 jet fighters including one with the red number 983 at the dispersal area on the eastern edge of the field, and 1 jet plane with a fuselage stop, 4 biplanes, and 3 single-engine aircraft at the parking site. Air flow control fences, about 8 cm high, were seen on the top of the MiG-15 wings. [REDACTED] was parked at the field.

5. The following aircraft were observed at the field:

13 July: [REDACTED] which was near the flight control building, 4 MiG-15s including three with the black [REDACTED] and one without a number at the taxiway east of the flight control building, 11 MiG-15s in the dispersal area on the eastern edge of the field, 4 biplanes, and 3 single-engine aircraft.

16 July: [REDACTED] at the flight control building, 19 MiG-15s in the dispersal area on the eastern edge of the field, 4 biplanes, and 3 single-engine aircraft.

6. On 17 July, MiG-15s were seen flying at an altitude of about 6,000 meters. The weather was clear. At 5:50 p.m. eight MiG-15s landed at the field. Five had the [REDACTED], two had the [REDACTED] and no number was observed on one. At 6:20 p.m., the following aircraft were observed at the field: two MiG-15s, with the [REDACTED] parked at the flight control building, 4 MiG-15s including three with the [REDACTED] and one with the red number 402 on the taxiway east of the flight control building, and 18 to 20 MiG-15s, including one with the [REDACTED] at the dispersal area on the eastern edge of the field.

7. At 6 p.m. on 9 July, planes seen at the field included 12 MiG-15s, 3 of which had the [REDACTED] and were parked next to the runway, 15 to 20 MiG-15s in front of the former hangars, 1 biplane, and 3 single-engine conventional fighters. Air force [REDACTED] was parked in front of the railroad station. At 8:30 p.m. two biplanes of the alert flight were observed at the field. They had the [REDACTED] At least 30 MiG-15s were stationed at the field. A passenger car with a broom antenna was parked next to the alert flight.

8. At 6 p.m. on 13 July, three MiG-15s of the alert flight were seen at the field. The planes had the red numbers [REDACTED] Three additional MiG-15s with the [REDACTED] were parked next to the runway. A MiG-15, No 309, was flying. Another MiG-15 approached the field for landing. At 10 a.m. on 16 July, two MiG-15s with the [REDACTED] were parked at the field. The planes were of the alert flight. Three MiG-15s with the [REDACTED] were parked in front of the hangars. (4)

9. At 6 p.m. on 20 July, an alert flight of three MiG-15s with the [REDACTED] was observed at the field. A twin-engine low-wing mono-plane was next to the alert flight. A MiG-15, No 557, was parked at the runway. About 20 MiG-15s, 6 biplanes, and 3 single-engine fighters were seen in front of the hangars. A radio installation was next to the aircraft of the alert flight. Two additional radio installations were seen at the runway. All the installations had an extended single-rod antenna on a radio passenger car.

10. At 6 p.m. on 22 July, an alert flight of two [REDACTED] at the field. A radio truck with three rod antennas was parked next to the planes. Thirteen MiG-15s, including one with the red [REDACTED] 3 biplanes, 3 single-engine fighters, and 2 jet planes with fuselage steps were parked in front of the hangars. No planes of the alert flight

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were observed at the field at 11:30 p.m. According to previous observations, the planes of the alert flight were withdrawn after nightfall.

11. The following aircraft were observed at the field:

at 6:30 a.m. on 20 July: 2 jet aircraft [redacted] next to the hut at the take-off point, 11 jet planes, covered with tarpaulins and parked in one row in the eastern section of the field, 2 biplanes, and 3 conventional fighters in the northern section of the field.

At 7 a.m. on 24 July: 3 jet planes with the [redacted] next to the take-off hut, and 16 jet aircraft in the eastern section of the field. The jet plane with the blue number 99 taxied to the take-off point.

At 7 a.m. on 28 July: 2 jet aircraft with the [redacted] were next to the take-off hut, and 16 jet planes with blue, red, or black numbers respectively were at the eastern section of the field. (5) Some of the planes were covered with tarpaulins.

12. At 7:30 p.m. on 25 July, the field was occupied by about 60 aircraft, including four with the [redacted] was parked at the field. At 11 p.m. on 28 July, 6 jet aircraft, 5 biplanes, and 1 single-engine plane were parked at the field. [redacted] and two radio trucks were seen near the flight control building. At 6 p.m. on 31 July, the field was occupied by 3 jet aircraft, 4 biplanes, and 1 single-engine plane.

Comments.

(1) The jet with a fuselage step is a type-26 trainer. The single-engine low-wing monoplanes are Yak-11s, and the biplanes are PO-2s.

(2) [redacted]

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